Wooden Boxes for Storage

We can all use extra storage, right? It seem like I never have enough places to keep the multitude of crafty supplies and necessities I use to create some of my most stellar projects – ha ha! So, I thought I would try to make my own with a little leftover plywood, scrap booking paper, and paint.

This is another totally customizable project – meaning the size is totally up to you and there are so many ways to make these boxes uniquely yours! A few could be constructed to hold a gift for that very special occasion, too!

The plans for the box is at the bottom of the post. Determine the size for your box. Click on the pictures and print out, adding your measurements as a guide. Assemble as shown.

Materials:

- 3/8″ or 1/2″ plywood
- Glue and brad nailer with 3/4″ brad nails
- Paint
- Scrapbooking paper
- Mod Podge
- Sponge brushes

I cut my pieces on the table saw…

Start by running a bead of glue along one of the long edges of the shorter pieces. Attach the bottom with the brad nails. Repeat for the other side piece as well as the front and back.

Construct the top in the same manner.

The box will not have to be thoroughly sanded except for the inside and the edges.

Remember the Clark + Kensington free paint day at Ace Hardware back in March? I'd only used mine once to paint the inside of the Rebecca Trunk so I decided I'd use it to paint the inside of these boxes. The color I chose is Harbor Lane. I used two coats, then sealed with a couple coats of Rust-Oleum's Ultimate Polyurethane in Soft Touch Matte. If you haven't used this product, it is the bomb, I swear! No brush strokes and it is self-leveling plus it provides a smooth and fantastic finish to stained or painted projects!

Once the paint was dry, I selected the scrapbooking paper I wanted to use for each box. I cut a couple of strips to go around the side adding a 1/2″ to the width (and I scored it so it would fold easier) so it would fold over the bottom.

I put a coat of Mod Podge on each side of the box and positioned the paper with the fold over the edges.

I repeated the process for the top. Because of the odd size of my box, I had to use two pieces for the top and longer sides.

Wahoo! Cute storage for my crafting goodies!!

Until next time,

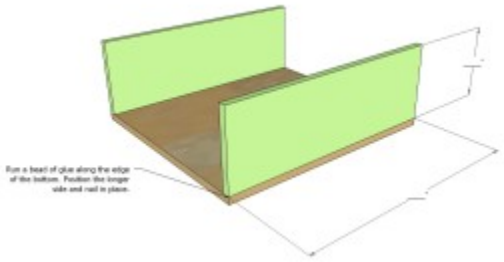
Happy Creating!

Plans to build the box:

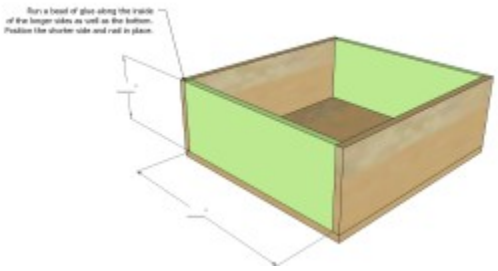
Determine the size of the finished box. Click on the drawings to make them larger and write in your measurements subtracting 3/4″ (if using 3/8″ material) for the longer side pieces or 1″ (if using 1/2″ material). For the lid, *add* 3/4″ (If using 3/8″ material) to the length and width of the top piece or 1″ to the length and width (if using 1/2″ material), as well as the side pieces in order for the lid to fit over the box.

Cut the pieces for the box.

Run a bead of glue along the longer edges of the bottom. Position the longer side pieces and nail in place.

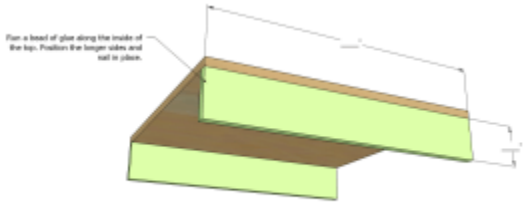


Repeat for the shorter side pieces.



For the lid – construct in the same manner as the top. Cut the pieces for the top.

Run a bead of glue along the longer edges, position the longer side pieces, and nail in place.



Repeat for the shorter sides.